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Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT COVER

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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of 07/17/02, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Drawings:**

Please replace Fig. 27 with the substitute Fig. 27 submitted herewith.

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner states that claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. The Examiner states that claims 7-13, 20, 21, 25, 27, 34, and 35 are withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner states that claims 1-6, 14-19, 22-24, 26, 28-33, and 36-41 are rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-6, 14-19, 22-24, 26, 28-33, and 36-41.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "2791" has been used to designate both a gap next to spring 2718 and to designate a part of spring 2768. Applicant has amended Fig. 27 to change the reference numeral designating the aforementioned gap to 2795. Also, applicant notes that the reference character "2790" was used to designate both a gap next to spring 2717 and to designate a part of spring 2767. Applicant